

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

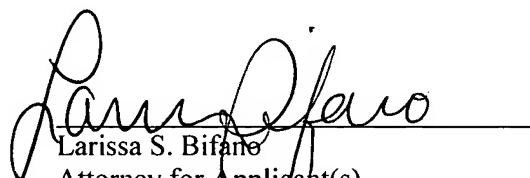
Applicant amends claim 2 and cancels claims 3-29. Applicant amends claim 2 to correct a typographical error. Claim 2, dependant upon claim 1, originally recited a “method.” Claim 2 has been amended to recite a “*compound*.” Therefore, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, both claims 1 and 2 will be directed toward at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers. Applicant submits that this amendment adds no new matter.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, drawn to at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers, for prosecution at this time. Applicant believes that Group 1, subsequent to the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, will include both claims 1 and 2. After amendment, both claims 1 and 2 will be directed toward at least one perfluoro-organic *compound* as a solvent for melanin of keratin-containing fibers. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 2 as amended be rejoined with claim 1 as part of Group 1.

Following entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-2 will be pending for the Examiner’s consideration. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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